

2-11-1992

In Room 12, near Albert.

On Jan 11, 1992 I went to South Fork Diversion to check our headwork. We were on our way as I drove to Anderson Reservoir where Kent's Lake Diversion is located and South Fork Canyon meet. At a point where Kent's Lake water uses a pipe from South Fork to fill Kent's Lake. At about 4:30 I started to help go to the diversion when Evan Patterson went up with me and wanted to know what I was doing up there. I told him I was checking the water. Evan told me I had no right to the water so leave it alone. I told Evan and the man that was with him, (I do not know his name) that I was told by Gary Nigour that we were entitled to 10 CFS of water in South Fork. Evan told me we had no right to the water. He told me that he was in World War II and had killed men and if we didn't want to get anybody hurt to leave the water alone. He said if he had to he would patrol the ditch with a rifle. He also said he did not understand why we were taking the water, they never had this trouble with Rulon Brox when he was Boss. Evan also wanted to know why we don't fix our leaks at South Fork headwork's and fix our spring line before we try taking their water. He told me if we pushed the issue of who owns the water we would lose the water and they would charge us a fee for water that they release from Three Creek's Reservoir later in the year. Evan informed me he knew our lawyer personally and said that Jody would not have a chance against their high power lawyer. He said they have gone to court before with the Power Company and the water users won with no problem.

When I got ready to leave, Evan Patterson and partner followed me off the mountain to make sure that I did not go take the water.

I felt like they were trying to bluff me, not to hurt anyone.

Sincerely,

Laurence H. Staheli

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U.P. & L. Hydro-Worker

June 23, 1992

To Whom it may concern,

On May 11, 1992 I went to South Fork Diversion to check our headwork. We were low on water so I drove to Anderson Meadow where Kent's Lake Diversion ditch and South Fork Canyon meet. At this point is where Kent's Lake water user's pull water from South Fork to fill Kent's Lake. At 10:30 A.M. I started to walk up to the diversion when Evan Patterson caught up with me and wanted to know what I was doing up there. I told him I was checking the water. Evan told me I had no right to the water to leave it alone. I told Evan and the man that was with him, (I do not know his name) that I was told by Gary Nigbur that we were entitled to 10 CFS of water in South Fork. Evan told me we had no right to the water. He told me that he was in World War II and had killed men and if we didn't want to get anybody hurt to leave the water alone. He said if he had to he would patrol the ditch with a rifle. He also said he did not understand why we were taking the water, they never had trouble with Rulon Brox when he was Boss. Evan also wanted to know why we don't fix our leak's in South Fork headwork's and fix our spring line before we start taking the water. He told me if we pushed the leak's off our property we would lose the water and they would charge us for the water that they release from Three Creek's Reservoir in the year. Evan informed me he knew Jody's lawyer and said that Jody would not have a chance in court without a power lawyer. He said they have got a court order from the Power Company and the water users with a problem.

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